

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3736**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 10988.0005-05000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Donald Schomer et al.) Group Art Unit: 3736
Application No.: 10/595,536) Examiner: Sean Patrick Dougherty
Filed: February 8, 2007) Confirmation No.: 7815
For: SPINAL LIGAMENT)
MODIFICATION DEVICES) **VIA EFS WEB**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 21, 2009, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.